Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0087] on page 30, with the following paragraph:

Standard methods of molecular biology, which are known to persons skilled in the art, were carried out. The isolation of *E. coli* plasmid DNA, DNA restriction, DNA modification as well as "filling in sticky ends" and "Southern" hybridization were carried out in accordance with the protocols of the manufacturers of the kits, enzymes, and reagents (Amersham-Pharmacia, Boehringer Mannheim, Promega, Stratagene). *Streptomyces* protoplast formation, transformation, and regeneration were carried out in the usual manner. The PCR was carried out with a Perkin Elmer GeneAmp 2400 thermal cycler, where the conditions were as described and as usual. The oligonucleotide primers used were:

AviG4F (5'-GGACGCCTATCTGTGCCACCCCTTCCTGGT-3") **(SEQ ID NO: 117)**

AviG4R (5'-TGAGCGCTCGCCTAGACAGAATCATCTCCC3') **(SEQ ID NO: 118)**

S2A (5'-GCGTCCATCTTGCCGGGA-3') **(SEQ ID NO: 119)**

S2B (5'-CGTGGATCCCGCCGGCCC-3') **(SEQ ID NO: 120)**